

Minutes of DAAC Meeting

Attendance

DAAC members present were: Seren Derin (SD), Chair; Irene Barrelet (IB), Clerk; Gerry Weiss; Jim MacRostie (JM)

Others present were: Tory Dixon;

Absent: Joe Tringali (JT), Vice-chair; Dana Goddard (DG); Joan Swift (JS); and Nathaniel Malloy, DAAC staff liaison.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Derin called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Irene will be moving to South Hadley in April. She would like to stay a member of the DAAC, if possible. We are going to check into this.
2. Dana Goddard will resign from DAAC due to health issues. He will plan on attending the meetings when possible. We will contact him, and ask him to notify the Town in writing.
3. Once there is a seat vacant in the committee, Tory is very interested in joining.

MINUTES

None

NEW BUSINESS

AAB Variance Request—Theta Chi Fraternity

There was a request from Theta Chi Fraternity asking for variance on bathroom renovations on the second floor. We would like to request them to come to our next meeting on Dec. 14, 2010 and go over the plans. Members present did not support the request, finding it discriminating for people with disabilities. Discussions were made on sending a letter to Kevin Narbonne, the president of the Fraternity as well as to Stephen Greenwald of Renaissance Builders.

Jones Library Elevator

Jones Library elevator issues – Postponed until the next meeting, when Joe Tringali will be present to go over the complaints he received.

UMass Fine Arts Center

UMASS Fine Arts Center (FAC) – Seren brought up lack of parking lines that clearly define HP parking spaces in front of FAC. Jim, who used to be the Director of Operations at FAC until he retired about 10 years ago, will contact to set up a time when members can do a site visit, checking on all the accessibility features.

Update the Town's Disability Access Transition Plan

Town's Disability Access Transition Plan – Eunice Torres wrote this plan several years ago. We would see if she can attend our meeting in March to go over the plan and see where it stands now.

Next Meeting(s)

Discussions were made to look into another meeting day and time, to see if it would work better. It was decided to leave it as is, but starting the meetings 15 minutes earlier at 11:15. Next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 14, 2010, at 11:15 A.M. at Stavros in the Main Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Seren Derin, Chair of DAAC